



I-69 Community Planning Program

The purpose of the I-69 Community Planning Program is to establish a regional strategy for providing resources to local communities to empower them to manage the growth and economic development associated with I-69. The program will provide grants for local communities (cities, towns and counties) to prepare local land use plans to stimulate economic growth and manage new developments along the I-69 corridor. The local communities could use these grants to prepare transportation land use plans, zoning and subdivision ordinances and special highway corridor "overlay zones" for development controls. The program will have the following objectives:

1. Develop economic development strategies consistent with the communities' plans for growth.
2. Develop regional strategies and resources that will allow communities to achieve their desired vision of how that community will develop in the future.
3. Provide resources to establish a local planning process for communities to develop a desired future plan.
4. Develop growth management procedures to control development in accordance with local plans.
5. Provide resources for local communities to implement growth management to achieve their plan.
6. Develop protective strategies for environmentally sensitive areas (including karst and wetlands).

This program is intended to empower local communities to take the initiative in planning for their future and implement controls to stimulate and manage growth. The I-69 Community Planning Program is a two phase effort. Phase 1 provides for a regional planning assessment and development of regional planning strategies and resources for the entire I-69 corridor impact area. Phase 1 will include:

1. Development of corridor strategies for economic development and effective planning.
2. Establish a planning partnership with the Indiana Department of Commerce, the Indiana Land Resources Council, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and corridor communities to provide oversight to the planning study.
3. Inventory of existing planning procedures in corridor communities (cities, towns and counties).
4. Review of State regulations and legislation affecting rural growth management procedures.
5. Identification of planning needs to manage corridor growth impacts.
6. Preparation of prototype planning process and model ordinances for zoning and subdivision ordinances and special highway corridor "overlay zones" for development controls.
7. Identification of farmland preservation strategies.

8. Identification of environmentally sensitive areas warranting special protection.
9. Conduct workshops for communities within corridor.
10. Provide technical planning support to corridor communities and assist communities in developing work programs to carry out Phase 2 work activities.

Phase 2 will provide for the actual planning grants to local communities for preparation of local plans and growth management ordinances. These grants would be up to \$50,000 (actual amount to be refined based upon planning needs assessment in Phase 1). This would provide for the following elements:

1. Development of economic development strategies.
2. Public involvement activities for plan preparation.
3. Develop comprehensive planning framework and corridor land use plan.
4. Modify model planning ordinances to implement growth management controls.
5. Develop plan implementation program.

INDOT has selected HNTB Corporation and the Center for Urban Policy and the Environment, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis for the Phase 1 activities which will include the development of regional planning and economic development strategies for the entire I-69 corridor area, the development of a set of model community planning tools, and establishment of the framework that will be used for the Phase 2 implementation of the program. Phase I accounts for \$ 500,000 of the overall \$ 2 million budgeted for the I-69 Community Planning Program.

INDOT anticipates that the phase 1 program will take 12 to 16 months to complete (including time to develop the phase 1 contract and prepare the ground-work for the implementation of phase 2 of the program). At the close of phase 1 work tasks, INDOT would then enter into phase 2 of the program which would provide for grants up to \$ 50,000 for communities to develop planning programs to capture the economic benefits and manage associated growth resulting from the I-69 highway development. (The cumulative total for these \$50,000 grants would come to \$ 1,500,000)

Cities and towns eligible for grants are: Bedford, Bloomfield, Bloomington, Ellettsville, Evansville, Greenwood, Indianapolis, Linton, Loogootee, Martinsville, Mooresville, Oakland City, Petersburg, Princeton, Spencer, Vincennes and Washington.

Counties eligible for grants are: Daviess, Dubois, Gibson, Greene, Johnson, Knox, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Morgan, Owen, Pike, Vanderburgh and Warrick.